

He asked me to refer the matter urgently to you in Washington. I told him that you might not be able to give it consideration for a day or two. Ends.

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*Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures  
à l'adjoint spécial en temps de guerre du sous-secrétaire d'État  
aux Affaires extérieures*<sup>43</sup>

*Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Special Wartime Assistant to Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs*<sup>43</sup>

SECRET

[Ottawa,] May 20, 1943

Mr. Robertson told me on the telephone this morning that the Prime Minister had considered our message EX-1855 and had decided to refuse the Polish request. The matter had not been raised with him by Mr. Churchill or the President. In addition to the reasons previously advanced, Mr. King felt that a sort of condominium with Australia in the protection of Polish interests would give rise to difficult problems.

I said to Mr. Robertson that I thought the reply to Mr. Podoski's note and personal letter should not be despatched until the Prime Minister had returned to Ottawa on Monday. It would, in particular, be necessary for an answer to go to General Sikorski's message in the name of the Prime Minister. Would you take a shot at preparing a note to the Polish Minister and also a letter in response to General Sikorski's message?

If Mr. Podoski raises the question with me before the Prime Minister's return, I think that I should tell him that the Canadian Government is not prepared to accept this duty, but that a formal reply must await Mr. King's return.

H. W[RONG]

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au ministre de Pologne*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Minister of Poland*

PERSONAL

Ottawa, June 14, 1943

My dear Victor [Podoski],

We have been remiss in not replying sooner to your note of May 18th<sup>†</sup> on the representation of Polish interests in the U.S.S.R. I enclose a formal reply<sup>†</sup> explaining that the Government does not feel able to accept the suggestion of joint representation by Canada and Australia. In my view it would be very difficult to

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